

REMARKS

Claims 6, 7, 10-17, 19-21 and 24 are herein amended with added matter indicated by underlining and deleted matter indicated by strikethrough. The indicated claim amendments are being made to eliminate multiple dependencies that were present in the claims of the International Application and to provide clearer antecedent bases for claim elements. Claims 8 and 9 are canceled and added as new claims 25 and 26, respectively, in order to eliminate fractionalization of the various independent claim sets pursuant to U.S. patent practice.

Entry of the above amendments prior to calculation of filing fees and prior to examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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